

**REMARKS**

This Request for Reconsideration is submitted in response to Examiner's Final Action dated September 8, 2005 and subsequent Advisory Action dated November 25, 2005. Applicants' previous Amendment B was entered, as noted in the Advisory Action.

**CLAIMS REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102**

In the present Office Action, Claims 1 and 5-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by *Cowan, et al.* ("On-Chip Repair and an ATE Independent Fusing Methodology"). As stated in the Amendment B, *Cowan* is not a valid §102 reference because of the following facts:

- (1) *Cowan* was published by at least one of the inventors, Michael R. Ouellette, of the present invention;
- (2) The information published within *Cowan* derived from Applicants' invention; and
- (3) Applicants' invention was filed on July 18, 2003, less than one (1) year from *Cowan*'s publication date of October 7, 2002 (as previously evidenced).

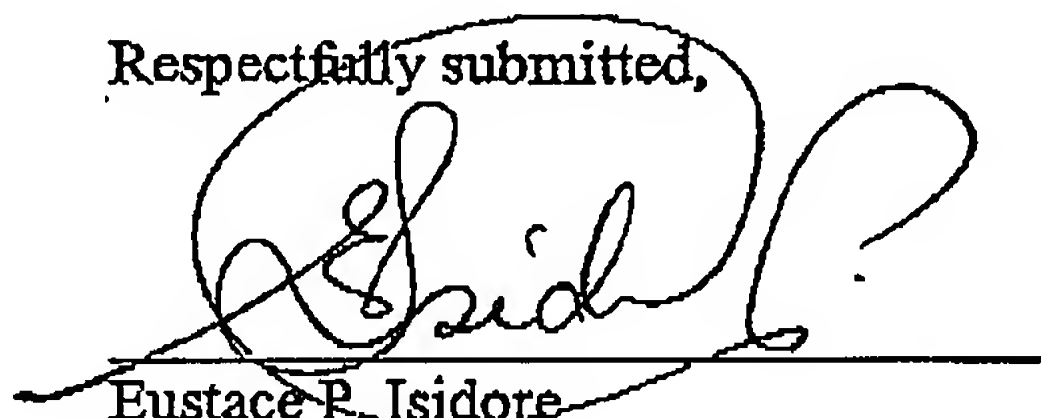
Since *Cowan* is not a valid §102 reference, the present §102 rejections are rendered moot. Applicants shall submit Affidavits in support of the above statements in a later communication and respectfully request Examiner consider the presents statements and Affidavits at the time of receipt of the Affidavits.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present rejections in light of the showing that *Cowan* is not a valid §102 reference. With the §102 rejections rendered moot, the claims are therefore allowable, and Applicants, therefore, respectfully request issuance of a Notice of Allowance for all claims now pending.

Applicants further request the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney of record at 512.343.6116 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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